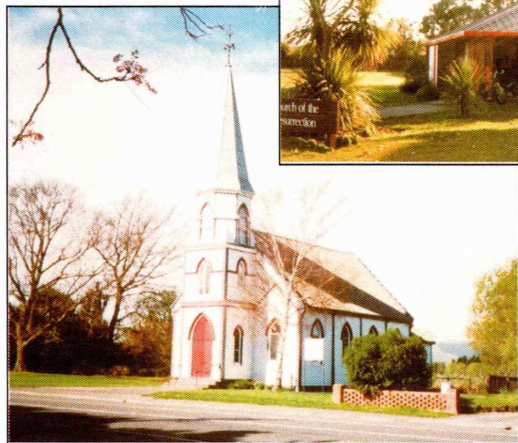


**A History of
Lincoln Union Parish
From 1881 – 2001**

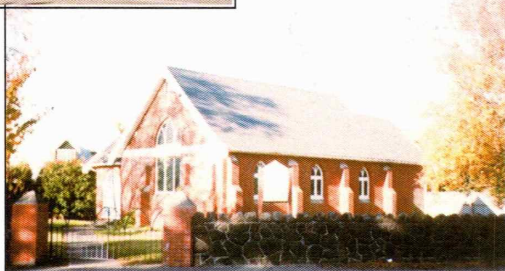


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The Beginnings.

Christchurch Presbytery was formed on 27th January, 1864. W. Kirton being the Moderator.

Before 1866 most of South Canterbury was under the care of Charles Fraser, Minister of the St. Andrew's church. Presbyterian things began to happen in Lincoln in 1862 or 3. What was the early history of the land? William and Mary Tod (from Scotland originally) came out to work for the Deans Brothers of Riccarton. When they had saved enough money they bought a farm at Fendalton, 48 acres for 150 pounds from a Charles Thomas Maunsell who had arrived in one of the first 4 ships with a Canterbury Association's Land order No 102. Tod bought this land in 1851. By 1859 having worked hard on this block he was able to sell it to Robert Wilkin for 1350 pounds and move out to Lincoln where cheaper land was available. He bought several sections which were Crown Grants of Rural Sections including 1483 and 1532. Originally the Crown Grant had been made to a Mr Gray who passed it on to J.E Fitzgerald who sold it to William and Mary Tod.

At their cottage (in East Belt) they held Presbyterian Services and a Sunday school. William Tod made a private donation of 2 acres (part of RS1532) for the erection of a Presbyterian Church. The church was built by John Pratt in 1866 and he provided the furniture. The church seemed to need constant repairs and must have been too small as in 1881 it was unanimously decided to build a new church. The foundation stone was laid by the Rev. Blake using a silver trowel from the congregation presented by Mrs Tod. A historical account of the congregation, copies of the Lyttelton Times, the Press, New Zealand Presbyterian Church News and Christian Record were placed under the Stone on December 23rd 1881. This 2 acres of land was marked as a Presbyterian Reserve but was not registered until 1950. Nearly one acre was subdivided off and sold in 1964 (it must have been the glebe paddock!). From that date the one acre and 14.4 perches which includes all the land under the church, manse and Old Manse plus car parking is registered with the Presbyterian Trustees in Wellington.

The First One Hundred Years. A booklet prepared and published by the Dunlop Family for the centenary in 1982. Extracts follow to show the hundred years of history of the second church built on the site. The parish and first church are 16 years older. The first church survived as the Sunday school until the present manse was built in 1964. Mr C. Watson had tendered for the building and moved it out to his farm.

This diary of the hundred year church, including its trials and tribulations, is a sharing of the lives of Lincoln district people. Their births, marriages, and burials. The preaching of the word of God for 5,200 Sundays and its outcome in the commitment of folk's lives to their church as God's people. The dedication of the booklet is to all such people.

Prebbleton's church was originally built in 1865. J. Campbell was inducted to be in charge of a parish that extended from Prebbleton to Southbridge. Stipend 60 pounds per annum. The Manse was built in 1866 and lived in by the minister until the Manse was built at Lincoln in 1889. This latter building survives as the Old Manse.

MINISTERS OF THE LINCOLN PARISH

1866-1872	John Campbell (Lincoln-Leeston). Became 1st Rector of Chch.B.H.School.
1872-1875	D. Ferguson (Lincoln -Prebbleton)
1875-1876	James Wilson
1877-1879	Rutherford Waddell, M.A. (later D.D.) First Editor of Outlook.
1879-1883	Alexander Blake, M.A.
1883-1886	Robert James Porter
1887-1891	Henry Adamson, B.A.
1892-1900	Alexander M. Wright, M.A.
1901-1909	William Spence
1909-1916	Sydney E. Hill
1916-1924	J.C. Paterson, M.A.
1925-1927	F.W. Robertson, B.A.
1927-1930	George A. Naylor
1931-1942	George MacRae
1942-1951	H. Lloyd Wilkinson
1951-1956	James E. Freeman
1957-1962	Donald S. Knight
1963-1968	Peter J. MacDiarmid
1968-1972	Rowlatt (Ro) Rodgers
1972-1978	Ro Rodgers (Presbyterian - Methodist Union Parish)
1978-1986	Robert A. Allen
1987-1998	Colin F. Hay
1999-	Stanley J. Barnes

The bible presented to John Campbell in 1866 is still in Prebbleton church. Donated by Elizabeth (nee Gibson) wife of William Prebble.

Boundaries of Lincoln Union Parish, 1980

Along: - A line from the southern end of Brookside Road to the Selwyn River.

Eastwards along the Selwyn River to Lake Ellesmere.

The landward shore of Lake Ellesmere to a point including Kaituna Valley.

Thence from the head of Kaituna Valley in a straight line to Gebbies Pass.

Thence north along the Summit Road to a point nearest to the Landsdowne Valley Road.

Down to the Landsdowne Valley Road & along that road to it's junction with the Old Tai Tapu Road.

Thence in a straight line to the southern end of Whincops Road.

Along Whincops Road to Quaifes Road; along Quaifes Road to Marshes Road.

Along Marshes Road to Shands Road; along Shands Road to Hamptons Road.

In a straight line from that corner to the eastern end of Larcombs Road.

Along Larcombs Road to the Main South Road and thence continuing that line to the Main South Railway line.

Along the Railway line south to Dunns Crossing Road.

Along Dunns Crossing Road to Brookside Road and along it to it's southern end.

Diary of the First Hundred Years 1869-1982

1869 The Sacrament is dispensed annually, on the third Sunday in May.

Repairs are to be made to the church at Lincoln. New posts and gates are to be put in. 10 and a half chain of fencing (banks, ditches and wire) erected by Mr J. Watson for 10 shillings per chain.

Mrs Blair cleans the church for two pounds ten shillings per annum. In July J. Pratt lined the church for ten pounds, fourteen shillings & sixpence.

1871 Ordered from England by J. Campbell was a Communion Set of 2 cups, plate and box (cost of 8 pounds) which was to be kept at Lincoln at a house of Mr Boyd's as it was near the road. Sometimes it was required south of the Selwyn River.

1872 The parish has been divided at the Selwyn River. The pulpit is to have a door on it and two scrapers have been put at the church door.

1873 Prebbleton manse was let at 25 pounds per year. The church there was added to. A collection was taken at every service. In August members and friends were asked what amount of money could be promised towards the salary of a resident minister 177-7 (one hundred and seventy seven pounds and seven shillings) was promised. J.D Ferguson declined an invitation to be appointed as resident minister.

1875 12th March - R.M. Wilson coming as minister for period of 3 months. Parish to find accommodation and the use of a horse for pastoral visits. The church will pay his salary direct. Services are Prebbleton 11.am and Lincoln 2.30.pm.

Money for the New Hebrides mission has been collected.

Both Lincoln and Prebbleton are to use the Presbyterian Hymn Book at public worship. The third place of worship is at Springston.

September. J. Wilson inducted as minister. Stipend to be two hundred and ten pounds plus a manse. A horse for him cost twenty pounds. Mrs Blair's wages for cleaning the church have risen to three pounds per year.

1876 June - Church lamps to be provided by a special collection.

The stipend to be raised to two hundred and fifty pounds with a further increase to three hundred pounds. Money to be raised by subscriptions and Sunday collections.

1877 March - Disaster! Church to be closed from March 3rd unless a minister or probationer of the Presbyterian Church is available.

September 27th. R. Waddell, M.A. of Dunedin was inducted. At the tea meeting afterwards he was welcomed by the Rev. De Brett Hovel of the Prebbleton Episcopalians.

1878 October - Church accommodation not big enough for present needs. Committee appointed to get plans for new church. A bazaar has been arranged. A stable has been built at Lincoln with Rainey and Smith to lend the money for it.

1879 Alexander Blake inducted on July 1st. The Lincoln District School held a soiree. The ministers attending had dinner at the hotel. There was a large attendance considering the bad weather. Stipend set at 255 pounds.

1880 March- matting purchased for the church aisles at Lincoln.

Subscription opened to purchase a conveyance for the minister, it to become the property of the church. Twenty pounds were promised and after discussion a single seated buggy is to be bought.

The finance committee of the Lincoln Presbyterian church in October reported difficulties in raising the stipend money and the early costs of building a new church. This was due to the Depression that was affecting the whole country.

1881 The year largely taken up with plans etc for the new church. To be built like old St Pauls church in Christchurch but smaller in size, this after much discussion and viewing churches in the district. Lambert the architect submitted plans, the foundations to be concrete, aisles 3 feet wide, angle on the seats to be reduced, windows to push up and down; session room to have a fireplace and chimney.

Prebbleton had 32 members, 22 adherents. Lincoln 42 members, 27 adherents. The financial affairs were not good and money had to be borrowed to pay the stipend. After the specifications for the new church were read there were 12 tenders. Mr Bartrams one for the church, furniture and fittings for 747 pounds 12 shillings and 6 pence was accepted. 4 months for the erection and completion of the church after the contract was signed seemed a reasonable time. Discovered the deed of conveyance for the church grounds which has been in existence for 18 years, had never been registered. 23rd December - Dr Guthrie laid the foundation stone. A historical account of the church with copies of the Lyttelton Times, the Press, N.Z. Presbyterian Church News and the Christian Record were placed in the usual manner under the stone. A silver trowel was then presented. The ladies produced a "sumptuous" feast.

1882 April - the architect asked for extension of one month, the contractor has had difficulty in getting some materials and labour. Carpenters are busy, don't want to come from town or are connected with the Exhibition.

May- 12 new hymn books ordered for opening of the new church plus matting for the aisles. The old church is to be removed to a more suitable site (where?) Problems with the church opening date, postponed from May until June 25th, with two services taken by Rev. J. Emslie MA at 11 am and Rev. A. Blake at 2.30 PM. Collections each time for building fund. A fund raising soiree was held on Tues 27th June. Problems between the architect and builder as to who would guarantee the safety of people entering an unfinished church!!

July- the builder was asked to hang the bell brought from Christchurch. The Lincoln Road board asked about forming a footpath in front of the church.

July 7th. Wesleyan Church opened at Springston. Further comments on lack of finances (So what is new!) October- nothing from architect to certify the church building is complete or when it is likely to be. No further payments until plans, conditions and specifications have been studied.

1883 Rev. Blake resigned, to go to Dunedin. Owed 110 pounds of his stipend. Presbytery grants time when congregation promises to pay him.

May 22nd - James Porter inducted. Very large congregation attended. Choir under David Dunn sang and Miss Jagoe played the harmonium.

June - Rev. Blake paid in full. Sittings in the church to be let at 5 shillings per quarter.

August 1st. First marriage in the new church: David Dunn to Elizabeth Gilman Jagoe.

September- Builder Mr Bartram's lawyer asked for settlement of his account.

Temperance Committee meeting in the old church disrupted by College boys!

October. Subscription list opened to purchase a harmonium.

Legal opinion the builder's account must be paid. Mr Smith has loaned the money.

Band of Hope formed (1883-1895)

1886 May - 84 pupils on Sunday school roll.

Wooden fence erected in front of church and iron gate given by Mr. Watson. Mr Early gave a piece of furniture for the vestry. Caretakers wages 11 pounds per annum.

Choir seats to be put in front of pulpit. Trees are to be planted in church grounds.

Christening basin to be bought for the church. Sunday school and Band of Hope bought a harmonium. Stipend to be 250 pounds per annum.

1887 Student from Ireland, Henry Adamson inducted on May 10th.

Communicants and baptismal rolls have been compiled. William Hay first boy baptised and Emma Blair the first girl, both on June 5th.

Lincoln Road board asked to form a street in front of Mrs Tods (East Belt!)

Sunday school roll 71.

November- state of manse discussed, need one at Lincoln. Mr Whitelaw to be architect, fee 24 pounds, 6 shillings. A seven roomed house, for not more than 365 pounds, with outbuildings to include a stables and gates for not more than 35 pounds. Mr Cox tendered 25 pounds and 15 shillings for latter.

Comic songs at Band of Hope to be banned because too much rowdiness!

Subscription list formed for new manse.

1888 Tenders called for new manse.

1889 September - Stray cattle have been getting into the church grounds and in front of the building, Constable Watt has been informed.
Lincoln Manse is complete.

Should pew rents be done away with? Seat holders not in favour of free seats.

Services - Lincoln 11 am and 6.30 pm. Prebbleton 2.30 pm.

1890 Rollers and blinds have been put in the north side of the church.
A lamp has been put in the porch.

No evening services during winter months of June, July and August.

1891 Children not coming regularly to Sunday school reports the superintendent.

Mr Adamson resigns because of ill health.

1892 A.M. Wright inducted on February 9th. Stipend 250 pounds.

Unfermented wine to be used at communion.

May - The manse debt is paid.

June - The manse got a small wash house.

1893 Sunday school average attendance is 43.9. 9 scholars attended Assembly examinations, 4 prizes and 6 certificates were awarded.

1894 Evangelistic meetings will be held "when the moonlight is favourable!!!"

1895 The church is renovated. Elders.3. Members 105. Stipend 250 pounds.

Chrysanthemum show was held.

1896 Envelope system has been discussed.

At Assembly examinations 15 prizes were won (47 scholars)

Mr Gammack bequeathed 100 pounds to the church.

1897 A new dog cart bought for 37 pounds plus new harness and a carriage rug.

1898 New lamps put in the church.

9 pupils sat Assembly exams. 13 prizes, mainly firsts.

1899 A new organ installed in church.

May - Chrysanthemum show.

October 15 - Children's Sunday all over the world.

1900 Mr Wright died in office.

1901 James Thompson, M.A. called from Wanganui. New horse bought for 17 pounds. Stipend 200 pounds. Church Praise books to be used in church.

1902 Members - 102. Sunday school - 33.
Individual communion cups discussed. In appreciation of her playing the organ, Miss Dunn has been given a bicycle.

1903 When the moon is suitable before Easter, a tea meeting will be held!

Roll - 123. Baptisms - 38. Parish picnic to be at Purau.

1904 Pegs for hats have been put in church porch.
Two ladies, Misses Hurst and MacPherson have been elected to the Board of Managers.

Proposed union of Presbyterians and Methodists discussed.

1905 It cost 29 pounds to re-roof the church in iron. Members - 133.
Sunday school - 49.

W. Spence has been inducted from Cust - stipend 225 pounds. He will provide his own horse and conveyance. Bad weather in July cancelled the Communion service.

1906 January - Tai Tapu has asked for services.
May - A tea meeting will be held on the Thursday before the full moon. Either at the beginning or end of the month!
William Kennedy - elder and long time Sunday school superintendent has died. An illuminated address given to his wife and family hangs in the church office (1982!)

The sound of the church bell is not good. The manse has a bath put in it.

1907 Hornby (from Halkett) is to be attached to Lincoln and Prebbleton.
A cash book to be kept in vestry to record collection amounts.
Mr. Arness a student has been appointed by session to take an extra service each month, as Tai Tapu has asked for 2 services.

1908 Brunnerton Church has blown down. Collection taken to assist them.

Stipend increased by 17 pounds. Illuminated address given to Rainey family as leaving the district.

1909 Sydney Hill inducted. Roll - 94. Sunday School - 79.
Wire instead of ropes to be put on church lamps.

1910 The manse hand water pump replaced by windmill. The church bell still not in order.

Mr. Rainy gave individual communion cups to the church. Vestry re-roofed in iron.

New lamp in church porch and a hanging lamp at the church iron gate. Bell sounds enter the church.

1911 All the church buildings have been painted.

Choir to be seated on minister's left hand in the corner. Stipend 250 pounds. Sunday school roll 99: one pupil gained highest marks in Chch. Presbytery exams.

Trap to be sold to minister. Kerosene heaters to be put in church. J. Moore an Elder to conduct monthly evening service at Lincoln so minister can preach at Tai Tapu.

1912 The congregation presented a gold watch and chain to Miss Dunn in appreciation of her organ playing skills. The Ladies of the church offered to buy a table for communion and baptismal purposes.

Carpet has been bought for the floor in front of the pulpit in the church; coverings for the pulpit, blinds for the east side windows, division curtains for the Sunday school and 2 dozen cups and saucers. The caretaker should ring the bell before services but Master Ian Nicholson will do so for one pound per year. Members - 104.

Asbestos put on ends of seats near the kerosene heaters.

Surprise social was put on for the minister and a marble clock given to him. Small case of cutlery given to his son Master T. Hill to mark his 2nd birthday.

1913 Managers reminded to give out the hymn books to the visitors (congregation should have their own) and show them to their seats (congregation pay for theirs!)

Part of the Prebbleton Glebe has been set aside by Government as a cemetery reserve.

Roll - 100. Mr Bush's son to ring bell.

1914 Collection taken up for missionary work in China.

1915 Envelope system is a success. Communion cards discontinued.
July 25 Prebbleton church held evening service in the Public Hall to farewell local soldiers leaving for camp. They included Sergeant George Withers, Trooper William MacCartney and Private Donald MacRae.
August - Robert Boyd, Elder for nearly 50 years died.
Mr E. Domain presented silk Union Jack to be hung over pulpit until the war ended.

1916 Fund started for Trentham Presbyterian building.
Tai Tapu Dairy Company installed electric lights in the manse! At annual congregational meeting on June 15 all went to manse to view the lights! The current was switched on that night. Brilliantly lit was the comment!! Hot water system put in manse. Dog cart to be repaired. Roll - 89 Stipend 250 pounds. J.C. Paterson inducted as minister.
Captain J. Graham farewelled, appointed Captain in 24th Reinforcements of NZ. Expeditionary Force.

1918 Roll of Honour started. Captain Graham has been killed at the front.
Dog cart replaced by gig. Parish so scattered minister unable to visit all homes.

1919 Hanmer building fund started.
Due to influenza epidemic all churches and public buildings closed for 3 weeks in November. Minister is managing to visit 5 homes a week. He has bought his own car and the gig is to be sold.
Miss Dunn as resigned as organist after many years of service.

1920 Minister to be given car allowance. Union between Methodist, Presbyterian and Congregational churches is being discussed.

1921 Prebbleton Manse in poor state of repair. A garage has been built at Lincoln. Car fund has been started. Rents for church seats ceased.

1922 The Union Jack draped over the pulpit was taken down and put by the Roll of Honour.

1923 Miss Helen Clark receives a gold medal for years of good marks in exams with the Presbyterian Assembly.

1924 Little River & Motukarara have Communion Services.
New car purchased; 5 seater Ford Tourer for 187 pounds cash.

1925 Mr Robertson new minister. Stipend 275 pounds. He edits and issues magazine called "The Messenger". Car registration 3 pounds and 2 shillings. Caretaker paid 10 pounds per year.

To raise money to buy a motorcycle a Paddy's Market held.

Springston to have fortnightly evening services in the hall and its own management committee.

Lincoln Church painted.

1926 Ticket holders taken off pews, tearing clothes. 60 years or Diamond Jubilee of church celebrated on 18th & 19th December- for Prebbleton Church.

New church plans for Prebbleton. Cost 680 pounds. Built of brick with tile roof, electric light and a fence like Wilding Parks!

1927 An Envelope system to be introduced.

Prebbleton had a barrow fair with a prize for the best barrow.

Sunday school has electric light.

Motukarara is to have a better service as Springston is having one less!

Motor cycle sold. Stipend 275 pounds with no car allowance for first year.

The car to have thorough overhaul.

1929 Telephone installed in Manse. George Naylor is present Minister.

Communion cloths purchased. Communion Cards re-introduced.

Miss Sharp has given communion table in memory of her parents, John & Annie Sharp.

Choir's seats altered to fit in communion table.

Query as to continue Springston services or not? Church service on Christmas Eve at 8pm.

1930 Two new communion plates purchased. Electricity put in church by Urlwins - 7 lights ranging from 50 to 200 watts plus a switch board. Kerosene lights to be given away.

1931 George McRae inducted - from Featherston. Stipend 280 pounds, car allowance 65 pounds.

An electric pump put in at Manse.

1932 Infantile paralysis epidemic.

Monday June 26 - Sit down tea and social held. Jubilee cake made by Mrs Delieu. Knox choir sang. One morning and one evening service per week.

1933 Borer discovered in church.

Depression times, discussion as to whether unemployed men could be employed to clean manse, church grounds and to dig! Minister volunteered to reduce stipend by 20 pounds.

1935 Holders for communion clothes purchased.

1936 December 13th - 70th anniversary of church held at Prebbleton.

1937 Ministers stipend restored to 280 pounds. Bring and buys are to be held instead of tea meetings.

1939 Mr & Mrs MacIntosh gave chair for communion table. Other chairs given in memory of David Brown & Agnes Donaldson Caldwell. Mrs Brown gave a beautifully embroidered communion cloth. The church at Lincoln was painted.

1940 October 24th. Prebbleton church wrecked by fierce winds. Methodist church used for services. 15 congregations donated money for repairs. Grahams are to do the work, the roof will be iron.

1941 Repaired Presbyterian Church opened on Easter Sunday April 13th free of debt.
Stipend 280 pounds + car allowance 65 pounds.
Financial help given to build a church at Hanmer Springs.
Mrs Sydney Smith has been doing church flowers since 1924 (27 years!)

1942 Air-raid shelter built at Prebbleton.
Mr Lloyd Wilkerson inducted - from Westport. He started scouts in Lincoln. Church Union was discussed. Organ on loan from Sir Heaton Rhodes.

1943 Harvest Festival held at Burnham Military Camp with camp members.
Services held at Kaituna.

1944 Session not in favour of women elders.
George Clark, member of congregation, to study for ministry.

1945 Lincoln to get District High School. Sunday school building to be used for classes. Stipend 350 pounds. No bring and buy sale this year.
Egg Sunday for orphanages held (done for years, now up to 80 dozen eggs collected)

1946 No women to be on management committee.

1947 Stipend 375 pounds. Roster of cleaning ladies drawn up. Not to employ a cleaner.

1948 Vote held on church union, no outcome! George Clark to enter theological college.
Church alterations have been discussed. The Smith family are to donate an organ to the church. Rev Wilkerson and his mother have each given a communion chair in memory of his father.

1949 As Christchurch Presbytery only has an unregistered conveyance for the church land it was agreed to get a registered Title for the same.
Flower shows are to be discontinued.

1950 A Title was registered for the church land with the Christchurch Presbytery and Church Trustees in Wellington.

1951 Prebbleton Church had its carpet stolen.
Knox choir sang at the 85th Anniversary. F Gunn preached from St. Andrews church.
Lincoln Manse has had a septic tank installed.
Mr Freeman of Akaroa inducted. Stipend 454 pounds + 100 pounds car allowance.
Selling of land discussed.

1952 New organ dedicated on May 18th.
Services discontinued at Kaituna.
Communicant members - 83. Sunday school - 72. Bible class - 12.
Tai Tapu members attended services at Lincoln.
Investigations made for setting up a fund to build a new parish hall.

1953

Renovations to the church are as follows:-

1. Porched lined with hardboard.
2. Ladder to bell tower removed.
3. Screen doors and steps at front door.
4. Platform extended.
5. Match lining and screen doors.
6. Pulpit chair recovered (should plush padding on pulpit be removed?)
7. Raised platform at back of church for choir.
8. Walls in vestry and back porch painted (should walls be papered?)
9. Woodwork varnished.
10. Windows made waterproof.
11. Double swing door.
12. Hat rack in vestibule.
13. Mat at church entrance.
14. Pews to be smoothed with sandpaper and varnished.

Should the screen be removed completely? Caretaker employed again. Play Centre to use Sunday school. September Fair and Spring Flower show. Church exterior has been painted.

Stipend - 500 pounds. Members - 89. Sunday school - 74.

1954 Inside plaster walls of church to be repaired and distempered.

Sunday school short of room. Lincoln school use the building.

Mr Ward-Smith gave 222 pounds of wool to Farmers Co-op. proceeds to go to Sunday school extension fund.

Stipend 550 pounds. Sunday school - 85.

April - organ returned to Beggs for servicing. It continues to give trouble!

1955 Church made draught proof.

1956 Roll - 77. Sunday school - 75. Donald Stuart Knight inducted.

1957 Quarterly communion. Roll 92. Sunday School 95. Women elders discussed again!

Sunday school extensions completed. An envelope scheme investigated. Vote on Church Union! Rev. Knight engaged. After 15 years on service on the management committee Mr Ward Smith resigned. The glebe cocksfoot was threshed. Dozen and a half communion glasses bought.

1958 Evening services on 1st & 3rd Sundays- church lighting improved. Church path concreted. Caretaker at church to be replaced by roster of volunteers from congregation.

Miss Anna Sharp set up memorial trust in memory of her late sister Miss Muriel Sharp; she also paid for the replacement of the Sunday school porch.

1959 Autumn Fair and Flower show held. Potatoes grown on Glebe. 97 bags of Table potatoes at 25 shillings, 6 bags of small ones. Sunday school roll 78.

Mr. Banks bought book for vestry to record special services and items of interest.

1960 Stipend 800 pounds. New mat for church given by anonymous donor. Discussions on rough casting the church. An architect to draw up plans and specifications, also supervise the work.

The night man to come once a month to empty church toilets and was paid 3 pounds a year in advance.

A fall placed on the pulpit, blue in colour with a gold cross. Mr. Ellis made 2 communion trays. More potatoes planted on the glebe.

Mr. Cowey made a report on the Lincoln Presbyterian Church.

The new Parsonage at Springston was opened.

1961 Fair cancelled, people called to support the Lincoln Community Centre maintenance and building fund.

Tenders called for the maintenance of church and manse. Organ still giving trouble. Noticeboard hung in vestibule. Socials held after evening services. Services at Kaituna.

Potato crop on glebe a failure, too much fat hen.

Mr C. Delieu gave a baptismal font in memory of his daughter Rene who died in 1960. For many years she was a Sunday school teacher. The font matches the communion table and chairs designed by Mr Wells. The present font has gone to Prebbleton Church.

Beggs will service the organ six monthly. Choir seats (the sheep pen!) removed as redundant. Wheat planted on the glebe yielded 54 bushels (19 bags at 13 and sixpence per bushel).

Church union discussed. Sunday school 94. Kaituna services ceased.

Hedge in front of church removed.

1962 Mr Biddick instructed the ringers of the church bell. Organ tried at back of church but not satisfactory. Notice board erected outside the church. New blinds for windows provided by Mr. Ward-Smith. Anonymous donation given to erect a low concrete fence.

Revarnishing of pews discussed again- plenty of hard work plus sugar soap! Church floor to be sanded and waxed. Rafters cleaned, nails punched and carpet laid. One acre south of manse (the glebe) to be surveyed and sold. Peter MacDiamid called from Invercargill to be minister. Stipend 850 pounds. 11 sacks of wheat harvested from the glebe.

Manse to become the Sunday school. New manse to be built north of the church.

1963 New manse finance discussed, to be built south of the church. L. & R. builders to build the new manse for 4662 pounds. The old Sunday school to be moved or demolished.

4 infra-red heaters put in church.

1964 Centenary of Christchurch Presbytery.

Mr Cliff. Watson tendered for old Sunday school; the wood from it was used in farm sheds. The present manse was built.

Glebe paddock (nearly one acre) subdivided off church land and sold as 4 sections to Jim and Merle Barnes, Graeme Sim and Norman Barry Smith.

1965 Still thinking of revarnishing the pews!

1966 Parish Centenary!!- Also first minister preached at Prebbleton 21st February 1866. Service held at Prebbleton Hall to commemorate this.

Barrie Dunlop erected, labour free, a brick fence in front of the new manse.

1968 Prebbleton Cemetery taken over by Paparua County Council. Senior Bible Class members offered to clean and varnish pews; suggested try just one first to see what is involved!

Rowlatt Rogers to be new minister. Roll 91.

1969 Church repainted, painter could not reach spire on tower.

Final annual flower show held; Mr & Mrs Delieu thanked for many years of organising the show.

1970 Church picnic held at Reese Camp with Lyttelton Parish on February 22nd.

Appeal for Rolleston Church.

1972 Union Church formed between Methodists and Presbyterians.
Rev. Ro. Rodgers to continue as Minister of Union Church.

1973 Rolleston to have monthly church service. Envelope system re-introduced.

1976 August 1st. The big wind badly damaged the Springston Church. It is to be demolished.

Fair held at Lincoln High School. Mr & Mrs Campbell offered to donate a cross for Lincoln Church. A lectern to be built from plans 20 years old. Communion once a month at both Lincoln and Tai Tapu. Money raised for Ludhiana Hospital appeal.

Rev. R. Rodger's term of office extended for a year - to 30th December 1978.

1978 Baptised children of communicant members took part in a communion on July 18th.
Church at Springston demolished.

1979 Robert Allan appointed as Methodist Minister to the Parish. Preservation of Lincoln church discussed. Prebbleton, Lincoln and Tai Tapu to have weekly services, taken by Lay Preachers. 3rd Sunday Parish Family service at Lincoln. Grape juice rather than wine to be used at communion. The minister also to be chaplain at D.S.I.R.

1980 Garage built at the Manse. David Neate inducted into Order of St. Stephens on March 16th.
Door stewards list of duties included ringing the bell, if you know how to!

1981 Lincoln Church outside painted by voluntary labour.
Stained glass windows from the Springston Methodist church have been fitted into the Lincoln porch windows. Their inscription reads: -
SPRINGSTON METHODIST CHURCH - 1864-1978.

1. Georgina Elizabeth Abernethy
2. Richard Wills 1826-1900
2. Emilia Wills 1821-1896.

Lincoln church to be re-roofed with colour steel at cost of \$3794. Interior of church painted by Brian Gard'ner. John Demmer offered to make new light fittings. A hand rail was erected at the front steps and a ramp discussed.
Lincoln is to have a town water supply.

The Property & Finance committee realised either major work had to be done to Lincoln Church or it be allowed to deteriorate and replaced by a new one in the future.

A builder's report showed that if it was brought up to standard it should last a long time.

The structure was solid with 150 x 100 mm top and bottom plates.

150 x 75 mm opening studs

150 x 50 mm studs.

Up to April 1982, the following work was done:-

1. Replacement of rotten studs in tower.
2. Tower re-sheathed with 12 mm exterior ply.
3. Weather boards replaced on south side of tower.
4. Porch interior lined.
5. New roof on church.
6. Interior doors now sliding.
7. West wall interior stripped and relined with 18mm particle board.
8. Interior of church patched and painted.
9. New lights made and fitted.
10. Chimney removed from vestry.
11. Springston strained glass windows fitted in porch.

Hopefully with good maintenance the church should last a further 100 years. Comparison of costs showed in 1900. Stipend 250 pounds, 20 pounds for horse and feed. No payments to national church. Total cost about 500 pounds.

In 1982. Stipend was \$13,200. \$2,600 travelling allowance. \$7,900 for Assembly Budget. Total of over \$30,000.

1982 CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS FOR LINCOLN SECOND CHURCH held on June 26 & 27th.

The centennial committee was chaired by Gordon Butcher, Secretary Margaret Baylis and Master of ceremonies Vernon Clarke. The ladies of the parish did the catering making a magnificent job at both the Dinner on the Saturday night and the lunch following the Sunday Service. The choir under Alys Allan sang a special item. The cake had been made by Noreen Stone and iced by Mrs Hight. The bread for the communion was baked by Elizabeth Demmer. A booklet on the first hundred years had been researched, compiled and written by Barrie and Maureen Dunlop. Copies were sold for \$3.00 each and together with other monies collected the

surplus from the weekend was contributed to the Centennial Organ fund. One snippet, Gordon Butcher is hoping to be able to cut the cake at the 150 year Jubilee!! The whole weekend was voted a wonderful time of fellowship for old and new members.

At the Annual Meeting of the parish in September it approved the setting up of a Parish Council as the principal administrative & organisational body within the parish. This was encouraged by the Joint Regional Committee, Presbytery of Christchurch & North Canterbury Methodist District Synod. 28 members of the church were nominated onto the council. 4 working committees. Education, Property & Finance, Administration & Session (which was already working); members were nominated onto these. Council would meet bi-monthly.

Rev. Robert Allen agreed to 3 further years of service to the parish.

Mrs Heather Pugh suggested tea and biscuits after the 9.30am service as a time for fellowship. Very successful idea.

Prebbleton Church exterior painted, thanks to John Dunn and his family for this work. Sunday school numbers decreasing but 4 classes operating.

Mr Clint Allen resigned as Treasurer and was replaced by Brian Emsley. Chairman of Parish Council was Gordon Butcher, Secretary Mary Stolp. A successful stewardship campaign was run.

1983 Minister Robert Allen moved to Sockburn. Manse let. Will be available at church office Tuesday to Friday.

Spouting repairs at Springston Parsonage, Lincoln Manse & Lincoln church. New light fittings made by John Demmer and installed at Lincoln Church. Chimney & fireplace removed from vestry. Second hand sink installed (good for morning teas). New organ bought; sufficient funds in organ account to pay for it. Lincoln manse had had wood burning stove installed in fireplace. Mains water connected to church, manse and Sunday school at Lincoln. Springston Parsonage had interior re-decorations, repairs to heaters, windows, door locks etc.

Minor work done at Prebbleton and Tai Tapu Churches. Hope to paint the latter soon.

Successful church fair - earlier start and meals provided, increased the financial return.

Christian Education Committee set up Cradle Roll - baptised children to receive a card on their birthday. Lincoln Sunday school Roll 39 with av. attendance of 19-20.

Women's Fellowship met 3rd Wed. of month for 6 months & had interesting speakers.

Tai Tapu Sunday school combines with Anglicans on 3 Sundays per month. Tom Fraser resigned as Session Clerk after 4 years and was replaced by Barrie Dunlop.

Administration Committee responsible for rosters of door and grass cutting people, also the morning tea and cleaning. They are responsible for collating material for the 4 newsletters put out each year and for the Freewill Offering envelopes. Mrs Betty Brown assists Robert Allen with his typing needs.

1984 Parish set up Music Group both singers and instrumentalists to lead in worship. They contributed to the Family Services.

New tenants of Lincoln Manse Alfred & Lacko Bala come from Papua New Guinea. Alfred is completing a post graduate degree. Lacko spoke on her country to the Women's Fellowship Group.

The duplicator "died" and was replaced for the sum of \$400.00. Cheaper than other photo-printing machines, however the newsletter will now be photocopied.

On Good Friday congregation members from the Catholic, Anglican and Union churches combined for services in each of their churches and a walk down the street behind a replica cross. Participants were moved by the services and walk - some of the general public in cars tooted and yahoed at the procession - making us understand a little of what Christ endured on his walk to Calvary!

Visitors book donated to church for all to sign.

About 30 people stayed at the Rehua Marae for 2 nights to learn a little of Maori customs and traditions.

At the Annual Meeting on Sunday Sept. 24th it was discussed, whether to provide for a new Sunday school and general purposes building adjoining or adjacent to the Lincoln Church or not? There would be the disposal of certain church properties to pay for it. These being the Lincoln Sunday School building and section (the Old Manse), Springston section of land (formerly site of church) and vacant section at Tai Tapu between church car park and former Parsonage. Money from their sale plus Trust Funds would raise sufficient finances.

Tai Tapu church was painted outside thanks to Brian Gard'ner & helpers. Rolleston Church had 10th Anniversary and was pleased to be debt free. Prebbleton church hall was demolished - Sunday school meeting in new Anglican Church lounge. Successful Christmas service held at Lincoln Church.

1985 Lincoln church got a new vacuum cleaner. Second hand mower purchased to keep Springston parsonage section in order. Rooms were re-decorated there. An electric time clock installed at Lincoln church to enable heaters to be turned on & off automatically.

Applications to sell property (sections) at Tai Tapu & Springston have been sent to Methodist National Office. Proceeds to be used to upgrade the Lincoln Sunday School and Minister's office. Also to provide toilets at both Lincoln & Prebbleton churches. For financial and other reasons it was decided against building a new building beside the Lincoln Church.

Bruce Watson resigned as treasurer and Clem John took his place.

Rev. Robert Allen began duties as Industrial Chaplin at DSIR at both Lincoln & Ilam.

Mid-winter pot luck tea and social evening held in June. Collection raised \$75 for hurricane relief in Vanuatu.

Taumutu Maori Church Centennial held. Bishop of Aotearoa Rev. H. Vercoe and Ruth Richardson, MP attended. Members of Lincoln Parish were on the organising committee.

The Centennial cake was cut by Mrs Jane Ward (Maori) and Mrs Margaret Morten (Pakeha).

Successful church camp held at Mt Cook in Glentanner camping ground. 22 adults & 24 children. Thanks to Clive & Jean Marshall who organised it.

Coffee mornings, an idea of Mrs Dot John started on August 13th and is flourishing. A time of fellowship with a sales table to boost funds. Also a stall was held at the Christmas Parade on Dec 14th.

The Christmas District choir under the baton of Alys Allan practised in Lincoln Church and sang in all 4 churches during December culminating in a Choral Concert proceeded by a Pot Luck tea at the Community Centre Hall.

1986 Resignation of Rev. Robert Allan at end of year after 8 years service.

Sale of Tai Tapu section for \$28,121.56 plus \$2622.30 which was spent rewiring the Old Manse. Following the sale there some trees on the boundary were felled (4 Elms suitable for sale as timber and 4 Oaks for firewood).

At request of the Tai Tapu congregation, services were suspended until the end of the year.

Decided name of the "Old Manse" should continue as such, and notice board to that effect erected.

Lincoln Manse has new curtains and a new cooking range. Springston

Parsonage redecorating inside and a start on the outside.

Provision of new spouting and door on garage. Hoping to provide floor coverings for some rooms and curtains throughout. Lincoln church - pews refurbished by volunteers under Alan Coleman's leadership. Bequest from D.M.Barnet's estate provided new crockery. Prebbleton church - rest of spouting and downpipes erected - thanks to freely given efforts of Mr Albert Irvine.

Triennial visit in September by team from JRC. (Joint Regional Committee).

1987 In October Mary Stolp resigned as Parish Council Secretary, having been appointed in 1982 when Parish Council was formed. Ross Wilson has taken her place.

Interim Moderator Don Wilson & session ran Pastoral matters. Various ministers, lay preachers and session took services. They included Rev. Ro Rodgers, B Sinclair, J Edgar, J.L.Barker, J. Van Royan, D. Boyd and Mr H.Kirk.

Communion celebrated monthly on second Sunday at Prebbleton & Lincoln. Tai Tapu with declining membership decided not to continue with regular services.

Good Friday procession through Lincoln shared with Anglicans, Roman Catholics and Baptists.

Session which normally meets bi-monthly, met more often with the added responsibilities.

District Farewell for Robert & Alys Allan at end of January in Lincoln Community Hall.

Nomination committee having problems finding a Presbyterian Minister for the Parish.

Finances improved and \$9000 given towards wider work of parish; due to non payment of minister's stipend etc for large part of the year. These healthy balances to be used to upgrade the Old Manse redecorate and recarpet the manse, repaint Lincoln Church; also maintenance & possibly painting at Prebbleton Church. Toilets at Lincoln & Prebbleton churches under consideration.

1988 Due to the efforts of the new Interim Moderator Rev. Irving Rutherford & the Nomination Committee the Parish was able to invite Rev. Colin and Margaret Hay as Stated Supply for 2 years. They and their family were welcomed in February.

Future of Tai Tapu Church debated - letter sent to all residents, only 13 replies and just one wanted the church to be kept open. Church to be closed and sold. But service to commemorate 250th anniversary of Methodism was held in the Tai Tapu church - greatly enjoyed by all who attended. How we sang!!

Combined church's Good Friday services and walk through Lincoln well attended again.

Lincoln Church painted outside and unwanted trees cleared away. Plans for extensions there include toilet and revamp of vestry area; also path, ramp and paved area for summer morning teas outside.

Prebbleton Church plan for repairs to flooring and piling, some roof work and to install a toilet at the church.

Springston Parsonage - night store heater installed & shower relined. Springston section sold for \$29,244.97.

Closing of Muriel Sharp Memorial Trust - \$7766.16.

Lincoln Manse recarpeted in area recommended by the Presbyterian Property Committee, that is Lounge, Passage, Study and Master bedroom. Night store heater installed and shower relined.

Old Manse upgrading continues - cladding complete - roof work still to do.

Sunday school continues at Lincoln, new Junior Youth Group started for Form 1 & 2 age group. Firstly at Manse then to Old Manse. Prebbleton Interdenominational Sunday school meets twice a month in the Anglican Church.

The Administration Committee does the housework of the church. Allan Coleman in charge of door & lawn mowing roster. Betty Brown the flower arranging each Sunday. Grace Reid stamps the Freewill Offering Envelopes and Mrs Lily Thompson records these giving's.

1989 Colin & Margaret Hay officially called to the Parish. Induction Service in July.

Old Manse roof painted & well chosen drapes hung at windows.

Mardi Gordon and her Candid Camera took photos of parishioners and placed them on back wall of the church.

Very successful family camp held at Staveley at end of April. Much work done behind the scenes by Jacqui Sawyer and Janice Wilson.

Congregational meetings decided the Tai Tapu church should close and be sold. Only by the narrowest of motions was it decided the pipe organ should not be put into Lincoln Church. Eventually it stayed in the district being put into St Mary's Anglican Church at Halswell where Alys Allen would continue to play it.

Prebbleton Church had repairs done to the outside before being painted by Rolleston Prison inmates & staff. A toilet is to be installed.

Springston Parsonage: - boundary fence erected by neighbour Mr T. Smith - cost to parish half materials only. Contribution to neighbour Mr M Stolp towards cost of new sealed driveway to parsonage and other houses.

Lincoln Church: - Quotes received for extensions to church including the toilet. Thanks to Mr D. Crawford who kindly drew up plans and working drawings for these additions & extensions.

Old Manse: - renovations completed. Replacement furnishings, curtains etc. Thanks to all who helped. Now used for meetings, computer classes, Sunday school & the well attended Mid-winter dinner.

Sunday school, Junior & Youth Group, Bible class on Sunday evenings at old manse, Cradle Roll Party at Lincoln.

Also morning Bible studies at Old Manse. 3 Home study groups started in June. Prebbleton Sunday school 1st&3rd Sunday at Anglican Lounge.

Fellowship & Mission Committee holding Progressive dinner, church picnic & possibly Car Rally.

Centennial of the Old Manse on 26-11-89. Dedication service in church - evening meal & films of the past in the Old Manse. Thanks to Margaret Baylis who supplied the films.

Dates of interest:-

Nov.1897. State of manse at Prebbleton discussed & it was decided to build one at Lincoln. Subscription List formed for new Manse. Mr Whitelaw to be Architect. His fee being 24 pounds, 6 shillings. **A 7 room house** is required - to be no more than 365 pounds. Outbuilding including a stable & gates to be no more than 35 pounds. Mr Cox tendered 28 pounds and 15 shillings for it.

1888. Tenders called for the Manse.

1889. The Lincoln Manse is complete. Minister at the time was a student from Ireland Rev Henry Adamson who was inducted on May 10th 1889.

May 1892. The Manse debt is repaid.

June 1892. A small wash house was put up at the Manse.

1906. A **bath** fitted in manse.

1910. The manse has only a hand pump. A windmill is to be installed.

1916. **A Hot Water** system has been installed at the manse.

1921. The garage was built.

1929. A Telephone installed in the Manse

1931. An **electric pump** installed in the manse.

1951. Septic tank was installed.

1961. Tenders called for maintenance of the manse & church.

1962. Suggestions are that the manse be converted for the use as a Sunday school. Such suggestions were approved and a **NEW** manse to be built **NORTH** of the church.

1963. Finance for the new manse was discussed; it is to be built to the **SOUTH**.

- 1988-9. The last 2 to 3 years have seen changes. It is now the Old Manse and has been extensively renovated. Local parishioners have volunteered their labour to help in the work.
1990. Tai Tapu church sale. Tenders called, 8 received, not the highest chosen, sold to Mr & Mrs M. Woodgate who are converting the church to a family home.

This year the Parish received a legacy of \$8050.00 from the Birss Estate.

Some Accounts this year were as follows:-

Deposit for sale of Tai Tapu Church.	\$6000.00	
NZ Guardian Trust. Birss Legacy	\$8050.00	
Tai Tapu Church Sale Account	\$53101.30	Interest \$347.97
Trust Funds	Capital	Interest.
Tai Tapu section a/c	\$1512.79	\$45.71
Broadfield Account	\$9065.64	\$167.36
Springston Section Account	\$11736.37	\$216.66

Lincoln Extensive alterations to back of church - toilet, new vestry and kitchen. Services were changed to 9.30 am at Lincoln each Sunday and seem to be working well.

Old Manse Drive and parking area tar sealed at a cost of \$10,000.00. Garden to be landscaped. Cost of Old Manse repairs & upgrade was over \$54,000.00.

Prebbleton Toilet installed. Carpet from Tai Tapu laid at church. Carpet bought for vestry which will be laid when bench unit & tea making facilities are installed.

Pastoral Committee - frustrating year, membership falling with no replacements coming forward. Crosslink will be distributed round the parish by church members. 7 extra members ordained onto Parish Council Messrs Percy Crossen & Bill Strijbis, Mesdames June Gillanders, Margaret McPherson, Jacqui Sawyer, Margaret Strijbis & Mary King.

Administration - Dot John to organise morning tea people, Betty Brown the cleaning roster, Grace Reid stamps & Freewill Offering envelopes, Anna Buchan is the recorder of the contents of these envelopes.

Percy Crossen to organise lawn mowing & door duty rosters. Janice Wilson & Jean Marshall sorted out personalised delivery of correspondence. Crosslink papers received & counted into bundles by Betty Brown. Heather Pugh assists Colin with typing on Fridays.

There was a good Garage Sale at Tai Tapu raising \$4000.00. A car boot sale was organised at the Lincoln Church grounds.

Orma Munro, an early Woman Lay Reader and member of Prebbleton Council, died.

1991 Very little history for this year except from the Quinquennial Visitation in May.

They found a welcoming congregation, from being greeted at the door to the cup of tea afterwards. Individuals and University students have taken part in some services with the minister.

Plans to improve the sanctuary in the Lincoln Church are before the Parish Council for implementation at a suitable time.

Membership was 115 with about 500 people under pastoral care - members of Parish Council kept contact with families. Co-operation with other congregations included combined services at Christmas and Easter. Congregation numbers are increasing, though the Lincoln University involvement is only fair; chaplains there seem to meet their needs although some students attend worship at church.

Two Sunday Schools (Total 29), a small Youth Group & one Women's Study group have grown.

The Parish is involved with the Anglicans at Rolleston, each taking 2 services a month.

Financially there wasn't enough money coming in each week to pay the bills, but the church has Methodist Investments which seem to be paying very low rates of interest.

There was frustration at having to deal with 2 parent churches, something the JRC could help by keeping closer in touch. The Parish Council meets bi-monthly and an overall concern was the lack of a plan for the future for the parish.

Property improvements included for Lincoln Church an enlarged vestry, toilet installed. Ramp for wheelchair access & concrete paths at rear & side of church.

Prebbleton Church - noted carpet from Tai Tapu church laid at back of church.

Lincoln Manse - sound proofing between lounge & living area needs improving - woodburner in lounge has problem weakness in firebox which could be a fire risk. Bathroom needed repainting. Drive needs sealing to prevent weeds growing.

Old Manse has been upgraded recently. Sealing of car park a real enhancement.

Springston Parsonage - needs much refurbishment - could this come from rent money?

1992 A thank you to Janice Wilson as she retired as Leader of Lincoln Sunday School.

Junior Youth Group - The Crowded House met in the Old Manse on Fridays 7-8.30pm under Judith Eastwick & Janice Wilson, 20-25 young people attend.

Prebbleton Sunday School meets the 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month - approx. 15 attend.

Senior Youth Group there meets weekly under Ngaire Howie & Di & Alison Rudd's guidance - about 12 attend - a lively group.

Parishioners thanked for supporting the "Grocery Box". Items from this weekly offering go to the Methodist Central Mission Food Bank and also keep an emergency parcel of food available to the Red Cross and Community Care on demand.

A Garden Walk to Parishioners Homes in Lincoln and Broadfield was enjoyed in February.

At the Mid-Winter dinner entertainment was provided by the Youth Group & Clem John.

Lincoln Church - the old pulpit has been converted into a smaller freestanding one. A heater has been installed in the front porch.

Notice Board has been repaired. Shrubbery behind the church has been tidied up.

Prebbleton Church - Minor glass repairs done by Hugh Macleod. Zip water heater repaired.

Lincoln Manse - Driveway reformed, extractor fans installed in kitchen & bathroom. New hand basin & bath put in bathroom prior to repainting. Space heater overhauled.

Old Manse - Gardens completed. Trickle irrigation put in. Extra outside lights have been installed.

Springston Parsonage - Kitchen, bathroom, laundry & 3 bedrooms painted; incinerator & space heater overhauled.

Margaret McPherson took over the organised distribution of the magazine Crosslink.

<u>Trust Funds</u>	<u>Capital</u>	<u>Interest</u>
Tai Tapu Section Account	\$1777.48	\$39.35
Broadfield Account	\$5470.45	\$135.13
	(\$786 .69 - capital decrease)	
Tai Tapu Church Sale a/c	\$56798.54	\$4358.70

1993 A planning meeting was held in the Old Manse on January 17th. All committees planned their year's work and activities - then followed a finger food lunch and a full council meeting to draw up the working plan for the year. It worked well. The endeavour was to have in place something for all age groups - so all can participate & make church life more fulfilling for all. There was loyal attendance from overseas students and a plea for parishioners to make themselves known to them.

Lincoln Church

Completed with full platform and whole area carpeted. Buying of new Rogers Organ for \$18000.00. Resiting of free standing pulpit to right hand side. Electric wires and plugs resited. Fan heater in porch. Extra light to communion table. Thanks to all the folk who support the Grocery Box for the Methodist Mission. Total Lincoln church upgrade cost \$35,000.00.

Springston

Parsonage has had minor maintenance work done on it. Bill Strijbis undertaken responsibility for property and has spent many working hours there.

Prebbleton

Vestry cracks have been repaired. Painting still to be done. Car park to be upgraded. Centennial electronic organ from Lincoln church has been transferred to Prebbleton.

Lincoln Manse

Storm water now out to roadside - hopefully sorting problem! Bathroom repainted & hand basin replaced.

Lincoln Sunday School

Under Ros. John - Children not to come into church for first segment of service but once a month Family Services in which Sunday school would actively participate- so far well received. A picnic at Colin's Bird Park and Palm Sunday distribution of flax crosses made by the children for the adults were enjoyed by all.

Youth Group

Janice Wilson as convenor thanked Judith Eastwick for her work with this group - after she resigned for family reasons. She also thanked the other helpers with this Friday night group.

Mission Group

Hosted World Day of Prayer Service in our church. They entertain a minibus of Senior Citizens every 2 months. Also run the coffee mornings.

Fellowship Group

Assisted at BBQ at the Gordon's to welcome students back to Lincoln. 2 Coffee evenings held. Did morning tea at Car Boot sale. Also organised a successful Midwinter Dinner.

An overnight visit to the Rehua Marae Christchurch by 35 parishioners and friends organised by Mrs Rangi Mullaney and the Fellowship Group was much enjoyed by all who attended in December.

Rolleston Church.

The Minister Ian Crumpton has worked at another church so can only take 2 Sundays per month. Anglican Church to do one evening service. Potential for growth as Rolleston grows.

1994 On July 24th there was an afternoon of music on the new Rodgers organ by Barry Brinson who had spent some time beforehand learning its capabilities and who produced a well thought out programme. With the new carpet on the Lincoln church floor the alterations begun in 1989 are now complete and the place has a welcoming feel to all who come into it. One or two dangerous trees at the back of the Lincoln church have been removed.

The Sunday school children returned to be present at the first part of the service before going out to their classes in the Old Manse. It was good to see them in church again.

After many years of faithful service Malcolm Price gave up being Presbytery representative, Archie Cameron took his place. Two members now assist the minister at the monthly communion services.

Ian Crumpton resigned completely from Rolleston Church to take up full time ministry at St Marks Avonhead. Rev. Colin Hay and Rev Franchie Coventry take the services there.

Prebbleton

The car park at the church was up graded; the roof & barge boards were painted.

Manse

Exterior painting of house and garage carried out.

Financially there was concern that when Colin completed his term of office there would be insufficient money to maintain a Methodist minister!

Youth Group

Meetings were held fortnightly on a Friday night. This was in conjunction with the Anglican group. Both halls and teachers were used. Highlights included a Regional Pool party at Jellie Park, collecting for the City Mission outside the Town Hall at a performance of Jesus Christ Superstar & going to the Bowlerama.

Mission Group.

This small group continues to entertain a minibus of Senior Citizens each month at the Old Manse. They continue to be in contact with their psychiatric patient Alistair and support the Regional Presbyterian & Methodist Women's groups. Also the missionary Alison Meadows working in Darwin with the Wycliffe Bible Translators. The Associated Missionary Doreen Riddell retired from Jagadhri in India during the year. Financially the group has greatly supported the parish with their coffee mornings, mission boxes & birthday gifts.

A BBQ for students was held at the home of Mardi and Malcolm Gordon in February, The Mid-Winter Dinner was well supported. An enjoyable progressive dinner was held at the beginning of October.

Ros John resigned as Superintendent of the Sunday school when the family moved to Christchurch.

A Car Boot Sale in November raised \$700.00 and there was a stall at the Christmas

Pageant in December.

1995 At a funding crises meeting held in March, various money raising ideas were discussed, which saw the advent of Clayton's fair (the fair you have which is not a fair but raises money by donations). Daphne McAven and Pat Howden organised a simple but effective night to close the fund raising. They were thanked as was Jean Shearer who organised a Musical concert at the St John of God Chapel in Christchurch.

Christian Education

Bible Study is held in the Old Manse or Manse at 10am on Wednesdays. The Youth Group has struggled for leaders now Janice Wilson has left after many years of service.

Sunday school has flourished with various folk either providing the lessons or teaching in the Sunday school. Margaret Hay has taken over as Superintendent.

Prebbleton Sunday school numbers increasing and especially enjoyable is the break-up service on the first Sunday in December in the Anglican Church.

Property and Finance.

Mrs Heather Pugh & Mrs Pat Howden resigned from the committee but Mrs Daphne McAven now represents Prebbleton. Only minor maintenance needed on Church buildings.

Trees were felled at Prebbleton and Lincoln church, also at the Manse for safety & nuisance factors. Thanks for those that helped and Bill Stijbis for ground tidying and planting of shrubs at rear of church. Also Con Eilken for repairs of various kinds on request. Car park at Lincoln church now has a sealed entrance way.

Prebbleton Church.

Have services regularly on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month.

Rolleston Church.

2 Union & 2 Anglican services held each month. On the 5th Sunday a pot luck tea is followed by a short service. Chris Church a family community worker has been appointed to Lincoln Anglican Parish & will work part-time at Rolleston. Ran a holiday programme in September called Kids Alive!

Mission Group.

Entertains a minibus of Senior Citizens from Christchurch every 2nd month. Hosted the Methodist Women's Fellowship District Council's Country Day. Organises the coffee mornings, Mission birthday gifts, Mission boxes and Alistair their adopted patient now living at Bramell Booth House in Temuka.

Fellowship.

Organised a visit to the Botanical Gardens with bring your own lunch. Ran the popular mid-winter dinner at which Therese & Wendel Parham with their 2 sons talked about their country Belize (was British Honduras) and showed videos.

1996 There was a Quinquennial visit in June by the Joint Regional Council. Parish Council decided on monthly meetings instead of bi-monthly, to keep up with the correspondence. Rev Colin Hay appointed chairman in September when Gordon Butcher retired after 15 years, in fact since the council was formed in 1982. Mini forum in October to invite other Union & Co-operating churches into discussion on the future life of Church Union.

Prebbleton Church. Mail box drop to all families in the district (other than to those attending other churches), followed up by visiting by church members, with the assistance of Clem John and Brian Gard'ner. On 22nd September a shared morning tea, then the opportunity to sing to and enjoy the sound of a recently acquired organ given as a gift by Joanne Dalley.

To replace the centennial organ which was sold to Doris Baron. She bequeathed it to the Te Waiora Chapel at Hororata. The church has been established for 130 years - since 1866.

Fellowship Committee. Historic walk round Lincoln to see older buildings in May. A Fair in April at the Community Centre, organised by Daphne McAven and her hardworking Committee, raised \$3700.00. Fancy Hats were worn and judged at the Midwinter Dinner - Daphne McAven's gold fish bowl was a big hit!

Sunday School. Party at the Old Manse on May 17th. Good time had by all! Numbers of children good up to the winter. Jill Legg left after many years as a teacher. 2 students Merryn Baylis and Sonia Petrie have joined the teaching team - thanks to all who help was given by Margaret Hay Superintendent.

Mission Group. Continues to function and entertain a mini bus from Aged Concern every 2 months. Special thanks to Ngaire Foster who makes a wee gift for each guest - which is received with great pleasure. There was a meeting at Grace Reid's in Trices Road in August where Mollie Gard'ner shared some highlights of her recent trip overseas. The group continue to run the coffee mornings, mission birthdays and boxes plus a stall at the Pageant and at any Church Fairs. Sadly Sadie White died after a long period of failing health.

Property & Finance. Work on parish buildings was minor. Parsonage had new vinyl in kitchen & part of spouting renewed; also repairs to water heating, windows, taps and door locks. Manse- inbuilt space heater removed - unsafe. Space filled in & chimney removed.

Wall repapered. Small wall heater installed. New net curtains on front windows. Car Boot Sale on Election Day in November.

Rolleston. New Carpet installed after fund raising efforts - looks very good! Community worker Lyn McPherson initiating events during the week, drop in centre, 2nd hand clothing, walking group, after school activities. The service on Easter Sunday was combined with Lincoln and Prebbleton - the church was full!

1997 It was decided name tags would be available at the church door to remain on during the service and cup of tea after- to assist people knowing who others are!

Bible Study. At the Manse and sometimes Old Manse continues to grow. The Daily readings of the International Bible Reading Association are used and discussed. It is amazing how often the comments flow on to include local and international events!

Fellowship Committee. Arranged a lunch for the older friends in the Old Manse on 25th February. The Lincoln Community Centre was the venue for an Olde Time Dance on April 18th. Being close to Anzac Day war time songs were provided by Colin Hay on his array of instruments and computer wizardry. There was also a prize for the best dressed dancer in uniform.

Easter tide. During Holy week March 24-27 a 20 minute service was held nightly in the church to ponder the events of that last week of Jesus' life. The Annual walk between and the services at the 4 churches, was held on Good Friday.

Jacqui Sawyer and husband Ted moved to Woodend and were farewelled on April 6th. Her talents with the Sunday school will be missed.

Clem John resigned from being treasurer after 10 years of valuable service. Ruth Maunsell is taking over with help from Derek Benfield of St Giles church, who is an accountant.

Claytons Fair in July raised over \$5000.00. Another Lunch for older friends was held at the old Manse on the 8th of August.

Prebbleton went onto the mains sewage and the church toilet was connected to it. Money from the Tai Tapu Realisation account was used to fund it, just over \$3000.00. Ngaire and Kingsley Howie moved to North Canterbury.

Property & Finance. Jim Maunsell took over as property convenor. Smoke detectors have been placed in the Manse and Springston Parsonage. The silver birch by the Manse gate has been removed. A second handrail has been placed at the front steps of Lincoln Church. Trees have been trimmed or removed at the Springston Parsonage.

Mission Group. closed as a group in June but members are to continue to entertain the minibus groups, run the coffee mornings and look after the Mission Boxes & Mission birthday donations.

Union Church 25th Celebrations. Were held over the weekend of October 18-19th. A dance on the Saturday night with Colin Hay providing the music was followed by a special church service on the Sunday with a choir conducted by Alys Allan. This was followed by lunch at the Old Manse. A time to catch up on old friends and enjoy the cake made by June Gillanders and cut by Rev. Ro Rodgers (the minister here 25 years ago) with Kirsty McPherson, the first baby christened in the Union Church.

1998 Our Minister Rev. Colin Hay was due to resign at the end of January with no parish to go to and no home either. A petition drafted and taken round by Andrew Wallace asking that Colin's ministry be allowed to be extended for one more year was considered by the JRC (Joint Regional Council) and the Methodist District Superintendents and allowed to precede on the proviso a full time Methodist minister would follow.

A planning day on March 1st led to a weekly prayer group being started and a monthly Women's Evening Fellowship Group as well.

Two lunches for older friends in May and September were arranged by the Friendship committee and a most successful Old Time Dance in October. Colin Hay provided the music and was MC. The CWI Entertainments Group put on 2 items from their repertoire. The annual Midwinter Potluck Dinner on Sunday June 21st was enjoyed by the participants.

The church Fair in March raised \$1500. Thanks to an anonymous donor the outside of the church was professionally painted and the garden shrubs renewed.

Rolleston Church's Community Family worker Lyn McPherson resigned but was replaced by Toni Hohua. The church continues to be serviced by the Anglican and Union Ministers. The Drop-in Centre continues.

Prebbleton had a stall at the Book Mart and financed comfortable cushions on their pews. Sales of firewood meant hydrangeas have been planted in the garden with a watering system. Carol Singing & supper were provided for the Parish on Sunday December 20th.

Property work also included connecting the Springston Parsonage to the main sewer scheme. \$1200 for the connection, \$6000 for the whole village scheme. The two fireplaces there were repaired and rain caps fitted to the top of the chimneys. The grounds are just under control!

A new lawn mower was purchased for Lincoln Church. Also a wood burner was installed in the manse to improve the heating. The idea of replacing covers on pew cushions at Lincoln was put on hold because of the cost. We successfully applied for a PSDS grant of \$500 towards a new computer.

Financially the parish got through, as always there was no spare money. The Parish fair, the stall at the Christmas Pageant and the coffee mornings all helped.

We have lost 4 church members Jessie Wilson, Percy Crossen, Jim Duncan and Malcolm Price. But 2 couples celebrated their Golden Weddings; Arthur & Margaret Baylis and Ray & Nan Westoby, our congratulations to them.

Margaret & Colin Hay were farewelled (again!) - No parish to go to but at least a home in Ashburton. In the New Year we will welcome Stanley and Yvonne Barnes.

1999 The Induction service was held on February 8th when Parish members, Methodist Church and JRC representatives, friends and supporters welcomed Rev. Stanley Barnes. We had to wait for awhile to welcome Yvonne as she had flown to South Africa to be with her sick father. By Easter she was back and her father made a good recovery.

Events such as Lunches for Senior Citizens, the Mid-winter dinner, the monthly coffee mornings and monthly women's evening fellowship plus weekly prayer group and bible study continued on as usual. Erica Cleland was superintendent of the Sunday school with others helping her. The children's numbers were not large but at least enough for a school. There was no planning meeting as it was felt Stanley and Yvonne needed time to get to know the parish and people.

A Clayton's Fair raised \$5270 which helped the financial situation greatly. The treasurer found dealing with the Methodist church in Christchurch easier and cheaper than long distance to the Presbyterians in Wellington.

An inspection of the Manse by the Joint Property & Finance Committee at Christchurch recommended carpet for the 3 bedrooms, plus painting of the lounge and passage. Money was taken (\$2000.00) from the Tai Tapu Realisation Fund to pay for it to be done professionally.

Property wise the main sewage scheme was connected to Springston Parsonage and the whole scheme paid for (\$6717.00). Through the church committees, congregations, district and national Methodist committees, permission was granted to sell the Springston Parsonage in November. The tenant moved out then too and a working bee of church members tidied up the grounds and house.

We also had discussions with Selwyn District Council over the piece of church land; half of the Liffey Cottage is situated on. The council offered to pay \$1000.00 for the land plus paying the survey and legal costs. Again the proposal had to pass through the various committees up to the Property Trustees in Wellington. Permission was given in December. The back door of the church was fitted with a numbered lock and security light and minor repairs and maintenance was carried out on buildings and grounds.

People were asked either to provide their own Freewill Envelopes or accept larger ones which are not dated. One or two preferred to direct credit their offerings.

Rolleston Church welcomed the Rev. Pip Horn after her ordination in the Anglican Cathedral to be Minister in Charge of that church with assistance from the Union Minister and lay people.

Stanley has made a concerted effort to visit as many people in the Parish as possible and now we have a Parish only list of members with telephone numbers which is most helpful.

We were sad Thelma Clarke died in February and Archie Cameron in October; but welcomed Jenni and Edgar Baxter from Heriot Otago to join our church. There was a beautiful Flower Sunday on October 3rd and Christmas Carols at Prebbleton Church and at Rolleston. Attendances at church have risen; we were full at Lincoln on Christmas Day. A shared breakfast at the Old Manse and special Millennium Service for all the churches in Lincoln and our parish is to be held at St Stephens Anglican church on January 2nd to start the new century.

2000 The special dawn of the new century was washed out, rain hid the sunrise. Only on Television could we watch the world move into the new century, New Zealand was the first country and Samoa the last! The combined churches' service on January 2nd at the Anglican Church was preceded by an enjoyable breakfast at the Old Manse.

The Garage sale at the Old Manse on January 29th with stalls for cakes, plants, produce and sweets was most successful. Everybody helped and the day was dry, we raised about \$2500.00.

Easter tide was well celebrated in Lincoln this year. It began with an Ash Wednesday service in the Anglican Church, then Holy Week opened with a Passover Meal at the Old Manse, followed by brief services each night leading up to Good Friday. The walk started at the Community Hall with the Baptists then went on to the Catholic and Anglican churches concluding at our church with tea and Hot Cross Buns afterwards.

Daphne McAven has become our Archivist gathering up all our historical records, photos and memorabilia. An open display on April 8th & 9th was well attended. Devonshire teas to defray costs were served. Items from Tai Tapu church which have been stored in the Old Manse went back to the Tai Tapu folk after the exhibition and will be displayed in their Library. It includes the lithograph of John Wesley being rescued from the burning Epworth Vicarage by an ancestor of Heaton Rhodes. All Methodist Churches received this picture at the time of the Methodist Centenary. But with Heaton Rhodes' family involvement at Tai Tapu it is special. Items since have gone to the Methodist Archives and Canterbury Public Library - the rest we will have to store.

The outside of the Old Manse was painted - the \$2000.00 cost was raised by a barometer at the back of the church and a request for donations of about \$30 a person or couple. People were very generous, taking only 3 months to raise the sum.

The Springston Parsonage was sold and \$141,000.00 is now held in a trust fund by the Methodists. We receive 80% of the interest quarterly. And just before Christmas we learned of the sale of the land under the Liffey Cottage to Selwyn District Council. We received \$1000.00 for the land but the council undertook to do the surveying and paid all the legal costs. On application the Methodist Church made 2 Grants totalling \$6000.00 towards the sewage costs at Rolleston. This is in an investment account until needed.

To meet the needs of the Presbyterian Churches' new Insurance Company a detailed questionnaire had to be filled in. All the buildings & their contents had to be valued and fire safety provisions upgraded. We were fortunate to have a local valuer Peter Blackburn to do this and the fire service provided a local man Joe Hefferman to advise us. It cost over \$1000.00 to meet the demands, but our insurance bill is now less!

In October the barge boards were fixed on the Prebbleton Church, A church member Roland Kitto did the work and a company in Christchurch provided the scaffolding free of charge and the men to erect and dismantle it. We are very grateful to this firm. In 2001 the church will be painted outside.

The Manse has been brought up to the standard required by the Joint Methodist & Presbyterian Finance & Property Committee. This includes carpeting the other 3 bedrooms and the painting of those rooms too. Stanley and Yvonne did the painting for which the parish is very grateful.

The parish lost four of its members this year, Jessie Fieckan, Grace Reid (who did so much in the church for years) Enid Ellis and Geoff Hewitt.

Sunday school is under Erica Cleland, other groups have had meetings and social events. Above all a caring community, for ourselves & those around us.

2001 A momentous year when the world changed and became more vulnerable after the terrorist attacks on the Twin Trade Towers in New York and the Pentagon in Washington on September 11th. America attacked in her own back yard! The War on the Teleban & Ben Ladin in Afghanistan followed, and then the aid needed to help put that devastated country back on its feet.

Stanley & Yvonne Barnes went overseas on 4 months study and annual leave, to see family in England and South Africa and attend the World Methodist Conference in Brighton England. Plus a month's exchange with the parish of the Rev. Grady Roe & family of Uvalde Texas USA. That was during the month of June. We enjoyed the visit of Grady, his wife Trish and teenage children Ryan, Jason and Erin here. Grady took the services, came to church meetings and visited parishioners often doing some sight seeing afterwards. They lived in the manse and hired a rental van for their trips in the South Island.

Church Property came under the spotlight. The Manse Kitchen did not come up to fire requirements for Insurance. We upgraded it in August and September while the manse was empty but Yvonne had helped in its new design before they went overseas. Independent Kitchen Services did the work. The old units, chip heater and wall between kitchen and dining room went.

Replaced with gib board on the walls, a new range and modern units, new vinyl on the floors and a new ceiling which were all painted. The money came from the Methodist Tai Tapu Trust \$18,000.00 which included \$3000.00 to upgrade the sewage pipes between the Manse and Old Manse into separate lines eventually.

We considered selling the Old Manse and building on the back of the church or buying a relocatable building from Keith Hay homes to put on the north or south side of the church. We had 2 special congregational meetings and members filled in a questionnaire. We got permission to sell the Old Manse, but when we went into the cost involved firstly selling the Old Manse and then the costs of building on or buying a building, the figures were astronomical! The Finance & Property Committee and Parish Council felt it unfair to burden the parishioners and committee members with so big a debt. So the ideas were put on hold after the 2nd congregational meeting which followed the AGM on September 30th. The Old Manse needed repairs and maintenance - painting rooms inside, fixing a leak in the roof valley and improving the insulation etc. in the back office. Instead of the Claytons Fair a Gift Donations Appeal was launched for the next financial year with a Target of \$10,000.00. A barometer at the back of the church records our progress. Half the money is needed to meet the shortfall in the ordinary budget and half is for the Old Manse work.

The spire top on the Lincoln Church was sealed using a crane and the south wall sealed and cleaned as the wood was alright. Other maintenance jobs were done using the good services of parishioners Maurie Eilken and Hugh McLeod. Roland Kitto and Jim Maunsell of the Finance and Property Committee also greatly assisted in both organising the work and doing it.

Prebbleton Church outside was painted by Phil Clarke early in the year.

Crosslink the joint Methodist and Presbyterian monthly newspaper ceased, to be replaced by two Spanz & Touchstone. Parishioners were asked if they wanted any, either or both. Eventually 6 Touchstones were ordered from the Methodist church.

At last there was enough money in the Hymn Book fund to purchase new ones. Books of "Together in Song" were bought from the Epworth Book room - enough for all 3 churches, as a book with a Melody line; also 4 large print books and a music book for each church. People could buy their own books including the organists and others wanted to buy books in memory of family members. They were dedicated in November and included 3 books each in memory of Archie Cameron and Grace Reid. Their families had made significant donations to the Hymn Book Fund.

The first 4 instalments of payments were made for the Rolleston Sewage scheme. The World Day of prayer was held in our church. The country was Samoa and Samoan members of our congregation took a major part of the service. We also had the pleasure of Ling Ling's company for 6 months when she came to Lincoln from Singapore to study for her diploma.

Two members of the parish died this year Thelma Hampton and Robert Kerr. The parish enjoyed a picnic at Halswell Quarry in February. A BBQ lunch behind the Old Manse, meant for students, attracted about 20 members. Lunches for Senior Citizens were held in April and October. The latter also celebrated the 90th birthday of Elsie Kimber and 91st of Grace Booth. This year at the Midwinter Dinner Grady Roe told us about his parish & people at Uvalde. The Quinquennial Visitation of the JRC's took place in October and their report on the buildings was good; their other suggestions will be considered.

Erica Cleland & her team continued with the small numbers of Sunday school children - at least we do have a Sunday school but there is strong competition from the Baptist church. We enjoyed the ecumenical walk on Good Friday finishing with Hot Cross Buns at the Old Manse. There was a combined Passover meal at St Stephen's Anglican Church and a combined lunch at the Baptist church in June. Coffee mornings and Women's Fellowship continued throughout the year and Craft Classes until October. A full and busy year for the Parish.

Appendix.

Elders of the Presbyterian Church.

1866	Robert Boyd (elder for 50 years) R. Craighead
1880	W. Thompson
1882	George Crockett
1892	J. Watson S McCulloch J.W. Prebble
1899	William Kennedy
1906	Robert Rainey William Gilmour James King W.M. Thompson
1909	James Thomas Moore
1910	George Boyd Robert John Wallace J. Christie Mackintosh
1915	Thomas Sager
1917	George Whitelaw George M. Pilkington James H.C. Bush J. Spence Simpson
1920	William Clark J. Marshall
1924	John W. Kingham M.F. Fleming C.M. Suckling
1927	A.K. Wilson
1929	George Henderson
1933	Uriah W. Harding
1935	R. Thomson
1941	Leonard Charles Banks Kenneth Clyve Dulieu
1944	Thomas Richmond
1948	J.T. Chapman Duncan McNaughton
1949	James Alexander Wilson
1951	Raymond John Biddick
1956	Allister McKenzie Leslie Percival Dulieu
1958	Alexander McMaster Wood H. van den Bosch
1965	J. Barrie Dunlop C.V. Chatterton
1969	Mrs Orma Munro J. Bedford F. Biddick
1971	Mrs R.M. Rogers F.D. McAven G. Garden
1975	<u>Union Church.</u> W.M. Barnett T.C. Blain D.H. Butcher R.G. Butcher L.J. Chambers L.P. Dulieu C.H. Hight F.D. McAven H. McLeod J.B. Dunlop G. Garden D McNaughton G.A. Sim D.W. Sutherland B.D. Watson C.S. Watson T. Fraser Mesdames P.M. Beaumont L.E. Gibbs O.C. Munro R.M. Rogers M.D. Stolp
1978	J. Dunn G. Smaile Mesdames M. Allan A. Allan H. Pugh Miss M. Hopkirk

- 1982 Parish Council was formed after the AGM in September.
 Chairman Gordon Butcher. Secretary Mary Stolp (nee Wilson)
 Tom Fraser Session Clerk Parish Elders were:- Mrs H. Pugh
 Miss M. Hopkirk Mrs E. Demmer Mr M. Price Mr A. Beck
 Mr G. Sim Mr G. Garden Mr G. Butcher Mr J. Dunn
 Mr J.B. Dunlop Mrs A. Allan.
 Also Mesdames M. Stolp L Thompson M. Baylis M. Dunlop N.
 Westoby R. Paton J. Marshall M. Gordon D. McAven R.
 Beck M Pascoe. Messrs B Gard'ner B Watson J McLardy.
 B Emsley as Treasurer.
- 1983 Tom Fraser resigned as Session Clerk succeeded by Barrie
 Dunlop
- 1985 Clem John
- 1987 Mary Stolp resigned as Secretary - Ross Wilson took her place.
- 1990 Graham Buchan Percy Crossen Bill Strijbis June Gillanders
 Margaret McPherson Jacqui Sawyer Margaret Strijbis Mary
 King
- 1996 Gordon Butcher retired as chairman after 15 years - Rev. C.
 Hay took his place.
- 1997 Jim Maunsell Ruth Maunsell
- 1997-2001 Charles Wright Erica Clelend Nancy Williams Daphne Bailey
 Bev. Platt Edgar Baxter Pat Howden
- 1999 Rev. Stanley Barnes became Chairman of Parish Council after
 his appointment as minister to the Parish.

My apologies if any names have been omitted, these have been taken from
 Church Records, as have the following names and dates for more recent
 Treasurers.

Treasurers.

- 1972- 1974 Mr Cliff Watson
 1974-75-76 Mr Clive Marshall
 1976 - 1980 Mr Graham Sim
 1980 - 1982 Mr Clint Alan
 1982 -1983 Mr Brian Emsley
 1984 -1985 Mr Bruce Watson
 1985 -1997 Mr Clem John
 1997 - Mrs Ruth Maunsell

All names are included when said persons either joined the committees or
 were elected onto the same, not when they retired from them.

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Presbyterian & Methodist***

Addendum page to History of Lincoln Union Parish from 1881-2001.

Ministers of the Lincoln Parish

1892-1900	Alexander M. Wright.
1901-1905	James Miller Thompson MA
1905-1909	William Spence

Rev. James Miller Thompson left out of Minister's list.

Rev. William Spence - born in Orkney Sept. 25th 1868. Came to NZ in 1888. Worked on farms. Went to University in 1894, Matriculation and Graduated in 1898. Did Home Mission work in vacations. Went to Knox Hall in 1899 to train for ministry: licensed and ordained in 1902 - Cust first parish- came to Lincoln in 1905.

Rev. Thompson had had problems in the parish. 3 families did not sign call for Rev. Spence. 2 soon supported him but not the 3rd. Mrs Kennedy supported another anti-Roman Catholic candidate. Her son & 2 daughters would have supported Rev. Spence but would not go against Mother! Son William Kennedy, Sunday School Superintendent, was gored & killed by a bull. Rev. Spence comforted family & took funeral. Family came back to parish & stayed until the farm was sold & Mother & 2 daughters went to Christchurch. Illuminated address given at farewell has come back to parish. Mrs K. admitted she was against Rev. Spence initially but he had done his duty & allowed nothing to stop him! A 9 day wonder in the parish as Mrs K was known as a woman who did not change her mind!

The Spences found the Manse very comfortable with it's new bath First son Malcolm born there. Left for West Taieri in 1909, and Australia later. Returned on holiday in 1930 & took a service at Lincoln Church. Mentions 5 elders he inducted during his ministry, Robert Boyd, Robert Rainey, William Gilmour, James Moore & James King. Met Robert Boyd, Robert Rainey and James King in 1930. He & James King had a good talk after the service & and Rev. Spence thanked his old Sunday School Superintendent for all his help during his ministry. During the next week James King died while working on his small farm at Ladbroke so the next Sunday Rev. Spence was at his grave-side. He thanked God he had spoken then, and not left it too late.

Rev. Spence mentions the first Church, Manse & 5 acre glebe at Prebbleton - the fine second church built at Lincoln with it's tall landmark spire. The Manse built there & the centre of the Parish moving to Lincoln when the minister went there to live in 1889. Prebbleton church, manse & 5 acres sold in 1928 as too far out of Prebbleton and buildings too full of borer to be habitable. New church built at Prebbleton in 1926. Services started at Tai Tapu in 1905 with a lay reader helping.

Compiled by Ruth Maunsell from the "Memories of Different Countries and Callings" by Rev. William Spence. The pamphlet was loaned to her by Dr. Neville Moar (who has Orcadian connections) who him-self was loaned it by a descendent of Rev. William Spence..

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